GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Loans for Higher Education
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has introduced any scheme for Education loans for both Vocational and Non-Vocational Courses to provide financial support to students for pursuing higher education in the country and abroad;

(b) if so, the details of the objectives of the said scheme;

(c) whether the Government has issued guidelines to all banks and financial institutions pertaining to collateral free loans to ensure that loan is easily accessible to students;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the number of students were benefited from the education loans provided by various banks and financial institutions during the last three years and the current year; and

(e) the total amount of Interest Subsidy spent on the said Schemes on Education Loan during the last three years and the current year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

(DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Indian Banks" Association has a Model Educational Loan Scheme which was revised in August 2015. The details of the Scheme are at www.iba.org.in.

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. MHRD has notified a Credit Guarantee Fund Scheme for Education Loans which provides for education loans without any collateral security and third party guarantee up to Rs.7.50 lakh. The details of the Scheme are at www.mhrd.gov.in. Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance, has mentioned that the number of students benefitted from the education loans during the last three years and the current year are 21,94,056.

(e): An amount of Rs.3,877.99 Crore has been spent as Interest Subsidy on Education Loans during the last three years & the current year.

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